

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

CORPORATE BUSINESS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 21 AUGUST
2012

EXECUTIVE – 4 SEPTEMBER 2012

REPORT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

2011/12 ANNUAL REPORT

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report

- This report provides Members with a draft of the council's Annual Report for 2011/12.

RECOMMENDATION FOR CORPORATE BUSINESS SCRUTINY:

That:

(A)	The 2011/12 Annual Report be recommended to Executive for approval.
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RECOMMENDATION FOR EXECUTIVE: That:

(A)	The 2011/12 Annual Report be approved.
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1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Annual Report documents the council's key achievements for each of the corporate priorities over the last financial year. It also contains financial information which provides an overview of the council's financial position and performance and a statement on contracts.
- 1.2 The Annual Report complements and mirrors the 2011 – 2015 Corporate Plan but looks back on performance rather than offering any forward looking planning.
- 1.3 This is the fifth year that we have produced an Annual Report, as a single document that covers Strategic, Financial and Performance issues as recommended by external auditors.

- 1.4 The achievements within in the report have primarily been sourced from Team Update, Service Plan Progress Reports and Link Magazine.
- 2.0 Report
- 2.1 This report is to provide Members with an initial draft of the Annual Report for 2011/12 for approval.
- 2.2 The report allows residents to judge the effectiveness and contribution of the council to the district and local communities as well as enabling councillors and employees to reflect on performance.
- 2.3 The Annual Report will be published solely on the internet via the council's website.
- 2.4 The Annual Report is attached as **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**. Performance information which compliments the Annual Report has already been presented to Members so has not been included at this stage.
- 2.5 Going forward there may be an opportunity to combine the Annual Report and the Annual Governance Statement and officers during 2012/13 will look into the viability of this.
- 3.0 Implications/Consultations
- 3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers

None

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